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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #1-- 2010 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2010 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, sector-specific bycatch limits are in place in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery for canary, darkblotched and widow rockfish. If any of the sector-specific bycatch limits is reached, the primary whiting seasons for that sector will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Original Allocation as Adjusted by Reapportionments		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	2,961	2,421			started 4/1, closed 8 pm 5/16	82%
Coastwide	--	NA				starts 6/15	
<b>WOC shore-based</b>	42% commercial OY	<b>59,218</b>	2,421	Canary – 0.03 mt Widow – 8.93 mt Darkblotched - 1.26 mt Chinook # 266	5/24		4%
<b>Mothership</b> (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	<b>33,839</b>	13,478	Canary – 0.14 mt Widow – 18.27 mt Darkblotched – 4.71 mt Chinook #324	5/24	started 5/15,	40%
<b>Catcher/processor</b> (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	<b>47,939</b>	4,054	Canary – 0.03 mt Widow – 1.70 mt Darkblotched –0.15 mt Chinook #67	5/24	started 5/15	8%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	140,996	19,953	Canary – 0.20 mt Widow – 28.9 mt Darkblotched – 6.12 mt Chinook #657	--	--	14%
<b>Tribal (Makah)</b>		<b>49,939</b>	0	Canary – 0 mt Widow – 0 mt Darkblotched – 0 mt Chinook # 0	5/24		
Total directed fishing		190,935	19,953	Canary – 0.17 mt Widow – 28.9 mt Darkblotched – 6.12 mt Chinook #657	--		10%

\* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were derived from electronic fish ticket submissions. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observer data and shore-based catch provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds)